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1. UPHILL'S OBSERVATION OF THE MERTEN COMPLEX AS OF EARLY DECEMBER PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING PICTURE /PRESUMABLY BASED PRIMARILY ON THE TELEPHONE COVERAGE OF MERTEN/,

A. THE CONTACTS OF MERTEN TO HIS LAWYERS, POSSER AND HEINEMANN, ARE SURPRISINGLY FEW. HOWEVER, THEY ARE IN UPHILL' OPINION NOT INSIGNIFICANT. MERTEN'S ACQUAINTANCE WITH BOTH IS CLOSE AND OLD.

B. MERTEN'S CONTACTS WITH GREEK JOURNALISTS ARE ACTIVE, ABOVE ALL WITH MATHIOPOULOS /BONN CORRESPONDENT OF 'ELEPHTERIA'/ AND NIKOLOPOULOS /BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF 'ATHENAIKI'/ . MERTEN DISCUSSES WITH MATHIOPOULOS ALL STEPS WHICH ARE INTENDED TO HAVE AN EFFECT UPON THE GREEK INTERNAL SITUATION.

C. PARTLY THROUGH MATHIOPOULOS' INTERVENTION AND PARTLY DIRECTLY, MERTEN CAME INTO CONTACT WITH THE GREEK OPPOSITION AND WITH THE FORMER DEPUTY GRIGORIANIS /MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY/ AND WITH A REPRESENTATIVE /NAME UNKNOWN, ALLEGEDLY LOCATED IN FRANKFURT MAIN/ OF ANOTHER OPPOSITION GROUP. GRIGORIANIS WILL PROVIDE MERTEN WITH A GREEK LAWYER WHO WILL REPRESENT MERTEN IN HIS SUIT AGAINST MRS. MAKRIS. THROUGH MATHIOPOULOS' ARRANGEMENTS, MERTEN IS IN CLANDESTINE CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE LAWYER APOSTOLOS APOSTOLIDES OF SALONIKA, LEONTUS-SOPHUS STREET 11 FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXCHANGING INCRIMINATING MATERIAL AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT. SOME OF THE CORRESPONDENCE IS SENT VIA AUGUST WIRTH OF SALZBURG.

D. A CONTACT WAS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN MERTEN AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ROYAL COURT /PSEUDONYM METASTAS/ WHO APPARENTLY TRIED TO 'BUY' MERTEN. A CONCILIATORY OFFER FROM THE GOVERNMENT, I.E. KARAMANLIS' PARTY, WAS BROUGHT TO MERTEN VIA ARTHUR MEISSNER OF FUERTH. ONE MICHANAKIS ALSO APPEARED ON THE SCENE. THE FOLLOWING WAS OFFERED -- REVISION OF THE VERDICT IN THE ATHENIAN LEGAL ACTION. POSSIBLY COMPENSATION.

E. UNCLEAR CONTACTS OF MERTEN ARE,

1. THE CONNECTION TO LAWYER DR. P. H. GORDAN OF GIESSEN, WESTANLAGE 39. THE CONNECTIONS APPEAR TO STEM FROM WORLD WAR II BUT THEY ARE UNCLEAR. BOTH HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON.

2. THE CONTACT WITH A FRAU MARSCHALL ON 10 NOVEMBER IN MERTEN'S APARTMENT. FRAU MARSCHALL BROUGHT MERTEN PAPERS, WHICH ACCORDING TO MERTEN'S STATEMENTS /COPIES OF SD DOCUMENTS/ CONTAIN PROOF OF THE INTELLIGENCE COLLABORATION BETWEEN KONSTANTIN KARAMANLIS AND DIMITRIOS MAKRIS. FRAU MARSCHALL IS POSSIBLY IN CONTACT WITH POSSER AND/OR HEINEMANN AND POSSIBLY SHE ALSO HAS A DIRECT CONNECTION TO THE EAST ZONE OR OTHER EASTERN PLACES.

2. FOR BERLIN -- UPHILL WOULD APPRECIATE A BDC CHECK ON P. H. GORDAN OF PARAGRAPH 'E' ABOVE.

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3. UPHILL IS ALSO INTERESTED IN TRACES ON AUGUST WIRTH OF SALZBURG /PARAGRAPH 'C' ABOVE/. A SEPARATE QUERY WILL BE SENT TO VIENNA AND SALZBURG.

4. THERE IS APPARENTLY LITTLE THAT CAN BE DONE TO CHECK OUT FRAU MARSHALL WITHOUT FURTHER IDENTIFICATION. SHE WAS MENTIONED IN INTERCEPTS TC M 729/641 AND TC M 639/689 OF NOVEMBER 9 AND 10. COPIES OF THESE WILL BE OBTAINED FROM UPHILL BUT WE ASSUME THEY WERE IN THE BATCH TRANSMITTED TO FRANKFURT WITH EGMA-66479.

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